(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to above mentioned report prepared by the National Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education (NAFRE)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While significant progress has been made in the field of elementary education in the country, the goal of Universal Elementary Education (UEE) has not been achieved. In order to attain the goal of UEE, the Government has taken following steps:

(i) It has launched the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in a mission mode in partnership with the States.

(ii) The Constitution (Eighty-Third Amendment) Bill, 1997 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1997 to make right to free and compulsory education for children from 6-14 years of age a Fundamental Right. Based on the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee and Law Commission, Government proposes to withdraw the Bill and introduce a more comprehensive Bill in the current session of Parliament.

(iii) While the investment in the sector has so far fallen short of 6% of GDP, expenditure on elementary education by Government has been substantially stepped up in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Upcoming vacancy of Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya

680. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present incumbent to the post of commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is completing his deputation-tenure on 11th December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the upcoming vacancy has since been advertised/ circulated/filed up;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) No, Sir. The tenure of present Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is for five years with effect from 11.12.1998.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Government control on private coaching institutions

681. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government exercise any control over private institutes/centres in Delhi providing coaching for Engineering Entrance Examinations; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have issued any instructions/guidelines for charging of fees by such institutes/centres in the public interest; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take for safeguarding the interests of general public against such institutes/centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of Delhi, they do not exercise any control over private Centres providing coaching to the aspirants for appearing in any engineering entrance examination. There is no compulsion for any candidate to join the coaching classes. The Government of Delhi has neither issued any guidelines nor any proposal is under their consideration to determine fees in this regard.

Appointment of Hindi Teachers in Manipur

682. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that appointment of Hindi Teachers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Appointment and